GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO GRAM PANCHAYATS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu connected with telephone connections alongwith FAX and STD/ISD facilities as on March 31, 2002, district-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide the said facilities in all the Gram Panchayats of the State ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) 126 Gram Panchayats in Tamil Nadu have been provided with STD facilities.None of the Gram Panchayat is having FAX or ISD facility as on 31.3.2002. District-wise details are given in the annexure.

(b) The said facilities are being provided at the request of franchisees/subscribers.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF GRAM PANCHAYATS WITH STD FACILITIES IN TAMIL NADU

NAME OF DISTRICT	NUMBER OF GRAM PANCHAYATS
ARIYALUR	14
COIMBATORE	1
CUDDALORE	0
DHARMAPURI	15
DINDIGUL	2
ERODE	5
KANCHEEPURAM	0
KANYAKUMARI	0
KARUR	0
MADURAI	0
NAGAPATTINAM	0
NAMAKKAL	0
PERAMBALUR	2
PUDUKOTTAI	2
RAMANATHAPURAM	0
SALEM	0
SIVAGANGA	0
THANJAVUR	35
NILGIRIS	1
THENI	0
THIRUVARUR	0
TIRUNELVELI	16
THIRUVANNAMALAI	12
THIRUVELLORE	0
TRICHY	9
TUTICORIN	0
VELLORE	4
VILLUPURAM	8
VIRUDHUNAGAR	0
TOTAL	126